

## FACING OUR LIFE'S RECORDS

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his hair like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.... **the judgment was set, and the books were opened.**" Daniel 7:9.

"Thus was presented to the prophet's vision the great and solemn day when the characters and the lives of men should pass in review before the **Judge of all the earth**, and to every man should be rendered "according to his works." The Ancient of Days is God the Father.... It is He, the source of all being, and the fountain of all law, that is to preside in the judgment. And holy angels as ministers and witnesses, in number "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands," attend this great tribunal.

'And, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away." Daniel 7:13, 14. The **coming of Christ** here described is **not His second coming** to the earth. He comes to the Ancient of Days in heaven to receive dominion and glory and a kingdom, which will be given Him at the close of His work as a mediator. It is this coming, and not His second advent to the earth, that was foretold in prophecy to take place at the termination of the 2300 days in 1844....

## "The Judgment Was Set And the Books Were Opened."

"Attended by heavenly angels, our great High Priest enters the **holy of holies** and there appears in the presence of God to engage in the **last acts of His ministration** in behalf of man—to perform the **work of investigative judgment** and to make an atonement for all who are shown to be entitled to its benefits.

In the typical service only those who had come before God with confession and repentance, and whose sins, through the blood of the sin offering, were transferred to the sanctuary, had a part in the service of the Day of Atonement. So in the great day of final atonement and investigative judgment the **only cases considered are those of the professed people of God**. The judgment of the wicked is a distinct and separate work, and takes place at a later period. "Judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel?" 1 Peter 4:17.

The **books of record** in heaven, in which the names and the deeds of men are registered, are to determine the decisions of the judgment. Says the prophet Daniel: "The judgment was set, and the books were opened." The revelator, describing the same scene, adds: "Another book was opened, which is the **book of life**: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Revelation 20:12.

"A **book of remembrance**" is written before God, in which are recorded the good deeds of "them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name." Malachi 3:16....

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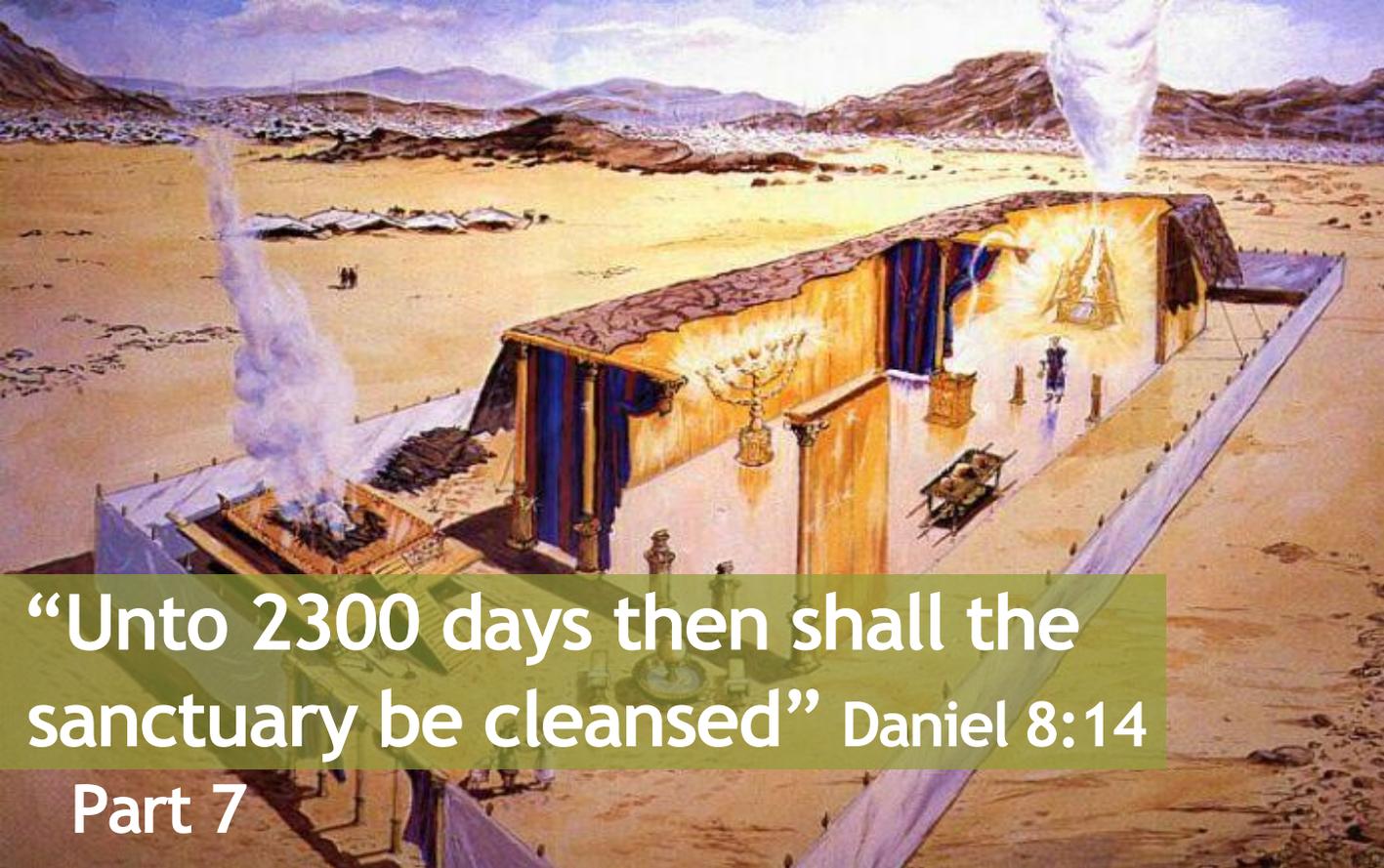
## CLOSING WORK OF ATONEMENT

"The intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. **By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven.** We must by faith enter within the veil, "whither the forerunner is for us entered." Hebrews 6:20. There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption. The salvation of man is accomplished at an infinite expense to heaven; the sacrifice made is equal to the broadest demands of the broken law of God. Jesus has opened the way to the Father's throne, and through His mediation the sincere desire of all who come to Him in faith may be presented before God.

Solemn are the scenes connected with the **closing work of the atonement**. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition: "Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." Mark 13:33. "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:3.

When the work of the investigative judgment closes, the destiny of all will have been decided for life or death. **Probation is ended a short time before the appearing of the Lord** in the clouds of heaven. Christ in the Revelation, looking forward to that time, declares: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:11, 12

The law of God is the standard by which the characters and the lives of men will be tested in the judgment."  
The Great Controversy, 479-491, excerpts, (Emphasis supplied).



## EXPLANATION OF THE 2300 DAYS

“The **2300 days** had been found to begin when the commandment of Artaxerxes for the restoration and building of Jerusalem went into effect, in the **autumn of 457 B.C.**

Taking this as the **starting point**, there was perfect harmony in the application of all the events foretold in the explanation of that period in Daniel 9:25-27. **Sixty-nine weeks** [3 scores and 2 weeks in KJV], the first **483** [69 weeks x 7 = 483 days/years] of the 2300 years, were to reach to the Messiah, the Anointed One; and **Christ’s baptism** and anointing by the Holy Spirit, **A.D. 27** [add 1 year to make up 1BC-1AD: 483 - 457 = 26 + 1 = 27 ], exactly fulfilled the specification. In the midst of the seventieth week, Messiah was to be cut off.

Three and a half years after His baptism, Christ was crucified, in the spring of **A.D. 31**. The seventy weeks [70 weeks x 7 days = 490 days/years], or **490 years**, were to pertain especially to the Jews. At the expiration of this period the nation sealed its rejection of Christ by the persecution of His disciples, and the apostles turned to the Gentiles, **A.D. 34**.

The first 490 years of the 2300 having then ended, **1810 years** [2300 - 490 = 1810] would remain. From A.D. 34, 1810 years extend to 1844 [34 + 1810 = 1844]. “Then,” said the angel, “shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” All the preceding specifications of the prophecy had been unquestionably fulfilled at the time appointed.” The Great Controversy, 410 (Emphasis supplied).

**2300 Days of Years (Num. 14:34 and Ez. 4:6)**  
 457 BC ----- 27 AD --- 31 AD --- 34 AD ----- 1844  
                   69W           1/2W   1/2W  
                   483 D/Y   3.5 D/Y   3.5 D/Y   1810 D/Y

Note: In order for the midst of the 7 days/years to be exactly 3.5 years, the year 31 AD must be calculated:

From Passover 31 AD to Tabernacles 27 AD  
 From Passover 31 AD to Tabernacles 34 AD

“Unto 2300 days then shall the sanctuary be cleansed” Daniel 8:14

## Part 7

### THE ADVENT MOVEMENT AND 1844

“The scripture which above all others had been both the foundation and the central pillar of the advent faith [in the 1800 era] was the declaration: “Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Daniel 8:14. These had been familiar words to all believers in the Lord’s soon coming. By the lips of thousands was this prophecy repeated as the watchword of their faith.

All felt that upon the events therein foretold depended their brightest expectations and most cherished hopes. These prophetic days had been shown to **terminate in the autumn of 1844**. In common with the rest of the Christian world, Adventists then held that the earth, or some portion of it, was the sanctuary. They understood that the cleansing of the sanctuary was the **purification of the earth by the fires of the last great day**, and that this would take place at the second advent.

Hence the conclusion that Christ would return to the earth in 1844. But the appointed time had passed, and the Lord had not appeared. The believers knew that God’s word could not fail; their **interpretation of the prophecy** must be at fault; but where was the mistake?

Many rashly cut the knot of difficulty by denying that the 2300 days ended in 1844. No reason could be given for this except that **Christ had not come at the time they expected Him**. They argued that if the prophetic days had ended in 1844, Christ would then have returned to cleanse the sanctuary by the purification of the earth by fire; and that since He had not come, the days could not have ended.

To accept this conclusion was to renounce the former reckoning of the prophetic periods.” The Great Controversy, 409, 410 (Emphasis supplied).